



Principal Corner for September 7th **Blessed Beyond Measure**

As our new year begins, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for all who contribute to making our school a place where students are **embraced, educated, and empowered.**

Our **teachers** are committed to meeting the needs of each student and organizing classrooms that support optimal learning. Check out the updated bios and photos of our amazing SCCS staff at www.saintceciliaschool.org.

Kiri Jones began as our office manager in mid-May. She is filled with a joy and positivity that permeates our office. Kiri's every action, whether in person, on the phone or via email is filled with respect and good humor.

Father Mark gives great homilies every Friday at school mass, he visits classrooms regularly and he spreads the word throughout our parish that amazing things are happening at SCCS.

Our hallways and classrooms look amazing, thanks to **Walt Kniginyzky** who painted them. The entire **parish staff** is supportive in a variety of ways.

Within the first four months of school our **parent volunteers** organize and facilitate our Ice Cream Social, Jog-A-Thon, and St. Nicholas Festival. A rotation of parent volunteers monitor lunch and recess each day. Our **School Commission** including parents and parishioners meet monthly with Father Mark and me to discuss academics, marketing, and the school budget.

Our **Patron's Endowment**, developed by parishioners and parents, provides annual financial support enabling us to provide financial assistance so that all families who desire a Catholic education are able to enroll at SCCS. We are accessible to all.

Parishioners join us for Friday mass, participate in Parish Partners, volunteer at school, and generously provide financial support. Thankfully, many parishioners keep us in their prayers. Our school exists because of parishioners who worked hard to create a vibrant community of learning and fund the building of our gorgeous school. This year marks our 10th year in the new building and our 19th year as a school.

During our Accreditation visit in March, a member of the visiting committee said, "SCCS is a magical place." My sentiments exactly! **Students** talking, laughing, playing, collaborating, communicating, and thinking critically and creatively throughout every classroom is a wonder to behold. **Students' presence and engagement every day contributes to the learning of their classmates; they embrace, educate and empower one another.**

Many thanks to all who generously share their energy, passion, and faith to make SCCS a vibrant place where children grow in mind, body and spirit. We are blessed beyond measure!

With gratitude,

Susan Kilbane